



NEWSLETTER

WELCOME to Third Age Foundation's (TAF) 12th Newsletter June 2011, which will summarize events which happened during the past eighteen months.

The aim of the organisation (for those that are unaware of what we do) is to provide opportunities for and secure an economic role for those who are 40+ in work and "vulnerable" or out of work, or pensioners by providing valuable experienced human resources and enabling older people to gain confidence to tackle age discrimination with personal development, life skills as well as revitalising their working potential by learning to be computer literate and cope with the new 21st Century technology and new ways of working as well as becoming digitally included.

TAF continued the LLC partnership from 1st August 2009 to fulfil the contract given by Prospects up to 31st July 2010 and was awarded another contract from 1st August 2010 which ran until 31st March 2011 which was successfully completed. The new contract awarded runs from 1st April 2011 and TAF is busy helping 40+ with IAG 1-2-1's Pan London.

TAF was successful in being granted the 2nd Tranche of the Modernisation Fund in order to help re-structure the organisation, developing a Fundraising Strategy as well as bids for future funding. In addition TAF was helped with leadership/governance through an SFA grant and through the West London Working project run by Park Royal and funded by the LDA.

TAF continues to run the West London Network Training, Skills & Employment Forum and hosted a West London Conference with West London CVS's in October 2010 as part of this remit for all Voluntary Sector organisations in West London.

TAF continues to represent the West London Network Training & Employment Forum on the WLN Steering Group and represents the West London Network on the London Skills & Training Forum and at the West London Business West London Borough/Partner Liaison Meetings as well as a WLN rep at various meetings. TAF runs the West London Network Training & Employment Forum and hopes to develop this into the West London Training Consortium to bid for new funding streams on behalf of West London Training organisations in the third sector.

TAF was appointed Chair of the Hammersmith & Fulham Training, Skills & Employment Network and is a regular Chair of the Ealing Learning & Employment Network. TAF also attends the Hounslow Training & Employment Network. TAF continues as an ECN representative representing ECVC/ECN on the LBE 2nd Tier LSP Board and 3rd Tier Skills & Employment Group. TAF acts as a representative of the Voluntary Sector in West London at West London Working and other meetings Pan-London.

TAF held its AGM on 13th December 2010 at Britannia House.

OOPS 40+ PROJECT

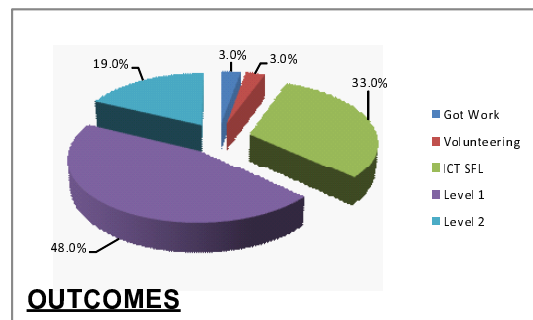
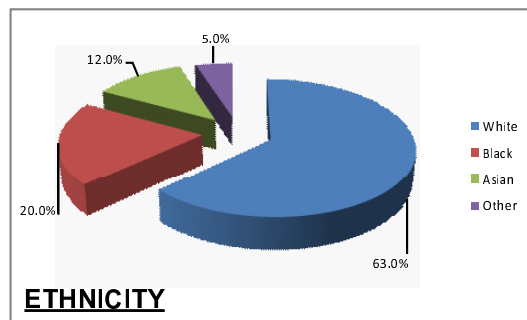
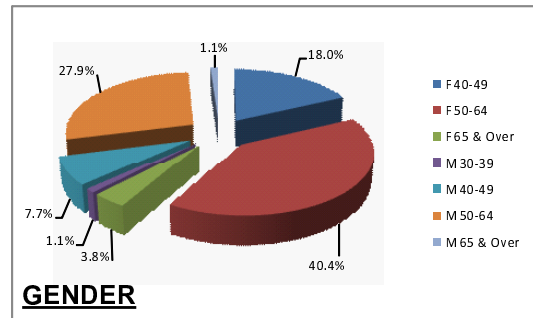
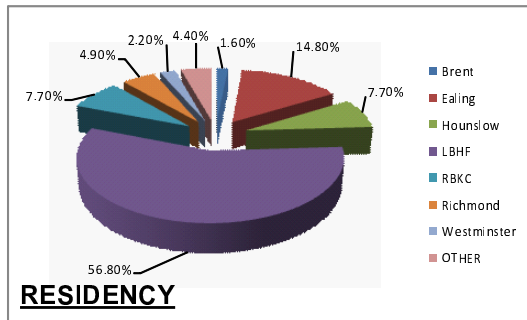
TAF was successful with its 3SIF bid in LBHF awarded for two years which started in October 2010 and is in the process of completing this by helping 40 residents with IAG, OCR ITQ qualifications and support with job preparation/job brokerage and Personal Development. There is a possibility that this funding might be extended for another two years. TAF is working closely with the other 5 organisations awarded this stream of funding, hopefully the G6 group can develop into a regeneration consortium.



FUNCTIONS

During 2010 TAF held three functions: The first & second were held at Britannia House due to budget constraints and the third function was held on 13th December 2010, at the Irish Centre, with Dr Bobby Basra a BT employee seconded to the Employers Forum on Age and Employers Forum on Belief, Gurnam Selvarajah from Park Royal – Manager of the West London Working project and Frank Wingate, CEO, West London Business as keynote speakers all of whom took it in turn to hand out the certificates.

Over the past eighteen months, TAF has helped 183 older clients 40+, of which 25% considered themselves disabled, nearly 30% were single parents, 6.5% wanted IAG/PD only, 24% did not complete the programme and 6.5% did not get any OCR qualifications. The following pie charts give further statistics:-



FORCE 50+ PROJECT

Third Age Foundation (TAF) completed the two year ESF CF project from London Councils managed by GLE called "FORCE" to help 114 carers/ex-carers who are 50+ and resident in any London Borough back into work. This project started in September 2008 and finished in September 2010. The Intermediary Contracts with JCP won in 2005 has continued and we receive many referrals from JCP Pan-London.

NEXT FUNCTION

The next TAF function will be held in July 2011.

QUALITY STANDARDS

The Matrix review is due in September 2011 and the Customer First review is due in November 2011. The IIP review is not due until July 2012.



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